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## PRESIDENT HEINEMAN PRESIDING

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Good morning. Welcome to the George W. Norris Legislative Chamber for the twenty-ninth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session. Our chaplain for today is Pastor Steve Eggum, First Baptist Church, Tekamah, Nebraska, from Senator Connealy's district. Please rise.

PASTOR EGGUM: (Prayer offered.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Pastor Eggum. I call the twenty-ninth day of the Ninety-Eighth Legislature, First Session, to order. Senators, please record your presence. Roll call. Please record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: I have a quorum present, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: I have no corrections this morning, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Messages, reports, or announcements?

CLERK: Mr. President, your Committee on Transportation, chaired by Senator Baker, reports LB 279 to General File with committee amendments attached. A communication from the Governor to the Clerk. (Read re: LB 14, LB 15, LB 34, LB 35, LB 40, LB 69, LB 69A, LB 83, LB 92, LB 93, LB 122, LB 167, LB 191, LB 192, LB 242, LB 245, LB 281, LB 295, and LB 306.) Priority bill designations: Senator Schimek, LR 14CA; Senator Janssen, LR 11CA. And the last time item I had, Mr. President, is that LR 33 is ready for your signature. That's all that I have. (Legislative Journal pages 583-584.)

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. (Visitors introduced.) The Chair would also announce while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 33. We'll now proceed to the first item, Mr. Clerk. First item on the agenda is LB 31A. I do not see Senator Schrock yet. Is anyone here authorized to